

Dear Caroline,

14 March 2020

Thank you for your reply.

How can your silence ever be the correct course of action in face of such judicial corruption by UK Crown officials on display in London in February this year?

Let me be clear. I am not asking you to speak out on matters of evidence heard by presiding Magistrate, Vanessa Baraitser during her 'show trial' of non-violent remand prisoner Julian Assange at high security Belmarsh prison last month.

In other words, I am not asking you to, as you put it "influence the decisions of the courts" and suffer being "very frowned upon" by breaking the sub judice rules.

What I am asking you to do, indeed I am DEMANDING you do, is join many other LAWYERS who have publicly and loudly spoken out about the self-evident corruption of the very foundations of the judicial process itself, enabled by a Crown official in London last month.

For example on 10 March 2020 the Co-Chairs of the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI) published very strong statements of concern:-

The IBAHRI "condemns the reported mistreatment of Julian #Assange during his US extradition trial in February 2020, by UK authorities as "gross and disproportionate" and "deeply shocking" that the UK Government has remained silent and "has taken no action to terminate such gross and disproportionate conduct by Crown officials".

IBAHRI Co-Chair, the Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, an Australian-based jurist and former High Court judge, "urges the UK government to take action to protect him. In a single day Belmarsh prison officials handcuffed the award-winning journalist eleven times, placed him into five different cells, strip searched him twice and confiscated his confidential legal papers".

The IBAHRI's other Co-Chair, Dr Anne Ramberg who is also the General Secretary of the Swedish Bar Association, blasted what she described as "the serious undermining of due process and the rule of law". She described as "troubling" the fact that the WikiLeaks founder has complained that he can neither properly hear nor follow what is happening in his own case and, "because he is locked in a glass cage is prevented from communicating freely with his lawyers during the proceedings".

The International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute (IBAHRI), was set up soon after WWII and describes itself as the, "the global voice of the legal profession... the foremost organisation for international legal practitioners, bar associations and law societies".

<https://www.ibanet.org/Article/NewDetail.aspx?ArticleUid=c05c57ee-1fee-47dc-99f9-26824208a750>

You imply you will not risk being charged under the sub judice rules (even though I am not asking you to) by publicly speaking out against the show trial we witnessed in London last month, in which torture in UK prisons and foreign intelligence services breaches of witness client confidentiality, and lack of access to defence lawyers by being locked in a glass cage, were publicly enabled, indeed celebrated by a UK by Crown official.

But you've been arrested before in 2007 and in 2013 for speaking out against nuclear weapons and fossil fuel extraction. Did you check with lawyers first then?

So no, I do not understand why you “don’t want to take any steps” that may “undermine the strategy” of the invisible “high profile campaigners... including human rights lawyers” you are communicating with on, as you put it “what interventions are likely to be effective and when”.

Instead, as one of 650 law makers in the UK, it is clearly now your job to speak out LOUDLY and PUBLICLY and to thereby lead your invisible human rights campaigners / lawyers by visibly and urgently joining in with the public statements of lawyers at the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute.

Writing to ministers and other internal parliamentary activity is not enough. Now is the time to join your voice to the many others and publicly speak out against the judicial corruption displayed in London last month.

First they came for the communist [...] Then the socialists [...] Now they're coming for the journalists. Then they came for the MPs. Then they came for me. But there was no one left. To speak out for.

Regards,

Natasha